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1. A handbill, signed by the National Directorate of the Union Republicana Democratica (URD) party, was circulated in Caracas during the week of 22 June 1952, attacking the action of the government in breaking relations with the Soviet and Czechoslovakian Governments. The handbill decried imperialist influence on the Venezuelan Government and lauded the Soviet peace drive.
2. On 23 June 1952 an article was published in El Nacional in which Ignacio Luis Arcayo, president of URD, denied that the Directorate of URD had issued the pro-Communist handbill. A second handbill, also signed by the URD Directorate, was distributed during the night of 24 June, denying authorship of the first handbill. The second stated that URD had never entered into a pact with the Communists, although the latter had approached URD. It then stated that the original handbill was either published by extreme rightist groups or possibly by the office of the Minister of Defense, Col. Marcos Perez Jimenez.
3. [REDACTED] the original handbill was published by a pro-Communist faction within the URD, and that the other URD leaders were seeking to deny authorship of it.

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